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## Ulrich Grazing Renewal & Range Improvement Project

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## PROPOSED ACTION:

The proposed action is to issue grazing permit for the Ulrich Allotment (#01365) to the applicant who has previously provided a legal deed for the base property. One project would be authorized along with a grazing schedule to address concerns with the allotment not meeting Standards for Rangeland Health. The fencing would be needed to implement a grazing system and would be constructed along the north side of South Fork of Huey Creek. The term of the permit for the Ulrich Allotment will run from March 1, 2014 through February 28, 2024. The allotment would be divided into two pastures and the grazing cycle will be outlined in the terms and conditions for the Ulrich Allotment. Under the proposed action the terms and conditions will be issued as outlined below.

## GR# 2502875

| Allotment Name<br>and Number | Livestock Grazing Period |      | % PL  | Type<br>Use | AUMs |        |     |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|------|-------|-------------|------|--------|-----|
|                              | Number                   | Kind | Begin | End         |      |        |     |
| Ulrich Allot. #01365         | 89                       | С    | 05/01 | 10/21       | 100  | Active | 509 |
|                              | 1                        | С    | 05/01 | 05/31       | 100  | Active | 1   |

Total Active AUMs: 510

### **Terms and Conditions:**

Line 1: Grazing is authorized during the listed season for the recognized capacity of the public land. Livestock numbers may vary with approval and recalculation on the grazing period by the authorized officer.

Line 2: Is only to authorize full grazing preference.

<u>Grazing rotation:</u> The cattle will be turned into the South Pasture on or after May 1<sup>st</sup> for three years (2014, 2015 and 2016) and one year in the North Pasture on or after May 1<sup>st</sup> during the fourth year (2017). This cycle will be repeated in 2018.

A 100 head of cattle would be able to graze the South Pasture for 77 days. The cattle would be turned into the North Pasture on August 4 and 100 head of cattle can graze for 84 days.

On the fourth year a hundred cattle would be able to graze the North Pasture first (May 1<sup>st</sup>). A 100 head of cattle can graze for 84 days. The cattle would then move into the South Pasture (September 15) and graze for days.

Range Improvements: The fence would be a standard three wire fence with spacing of 16" - 26" and 38" from the ground level. The top two wires would be barbed and the bottom would be smooth. No blade work would be authorized in the construction of this fence. Total length of fence would be 7,500 feet. BLM would design and construct the fence. Upon the fence completion the permittee would assume maintenance responsibility.